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January 7, 2021

The Vice President Old Executive Office Building Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. Vice President and members of the Cabinet,

Yesterday, the President of the United States and his allies sent an armed mob to attack the Capitol of the United States of America. Four people lost their lives, and the Capitol was breached for the first time in over two hundred years.

Since losing the election two months ago, the President has been peddling baseless conspiracy theories, outlandish rumors, and outright lies, warning his supporters that the election was stolen from them and that they are losing their country. Fueled by the President's seditious words at the rally in front of the White House, armed insurrectionists stormed America's temple of democracy to stop the Constitutionally mandated counting of electoral votes. They endangered lives of duly elected lawmakers and staff, interrupted the business of the American people, and some even sought to arrest the Vice President for treason. Along the way, they physically attacked journalists and injured members of the United States Capitol Police. Similar scenes played out in state capitals across our country. The President has successfully inspired American extremists to take violent actions in a despotic bid to cling to power. I am further disturbed by media reports that the President took pleasure in the events yesterday, as he continued to stoke the violence with tweets and a video.

In the final days of his term, President Trump still retains the awesome powers of the presidency, has the nuclear football, and is Commander in Chief of our military. After all, he is still the President. But he should not be. You know this. His closest advisers know this. He has surrounded himself with conspiracy theorists and has convinced himself of their lies. The President is unfit and unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office.

If allowed to remain in power, President Trump represents an unprecedented danger to the American people and our constitutional republic. You have the power under the 25th Amendment to the United States Constitution to defend America from this threat. It is your duty to exercise it.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist

UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN

CC: The Honorable Mike Pompeo, Secretary of State

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The Honorable David Bernhardt, Secretary of the Interior

The Honorable Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture

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The Honorable Chad Wolf, Acting Secretary of Homeland Security